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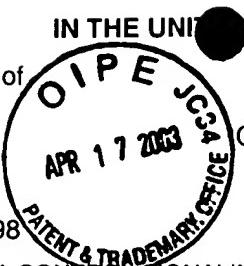
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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AMENDMENT IN RCE

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2002, and the Advisory Action dated March 31, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows in the accompanying Request for Continued Examination.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 21-23 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein. Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-10 and 13-16, as follows. A marked-up version of the amended claims showing the revisions thereto is attached.

1. (*Thrice Amended*) A method of operating a node in a communications network, which node is in use connected to signal sources